a T.V. Studio at Vijayawada ; if so, when ;

(b) what progress has bsen made in this behalf ; and

(c) by when it is expected to be completed ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Yes, Sir. Foundation stone of the TV Studio Centre at Vijayawada was laid in January, 1990.

(b) and (c) The scheme for "'Setting up of TV Studio Centre at Guitural Centres" which, *inter alia,* included a project for setting up of a studio centre at Vijayawada is presently under review.

Agitation by Doordarshan and AIR employees

528. SHRI MURUDHAR GHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister oflNFORMA-TION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the staff artists of All India Radio and Doordarshan have been agitating since October last ;

(b) if so, the details of their demands ; and

(c) the efforts so far made to resolve the issues and to reach a settlement in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING KUMARI GIRUA VYAS) : (a) and (b) The Staff Artists of All India Radio and Doordarshan had been agitating since Decemfter' 91. They demanded rationalisation/revision of fee scales of the erstwhile categories of Staff Artists/Artists and their induction into the Indian Broadcasting (Programme) Service.

(c) The Government is genuinely concerned about a reasonable solu-(ion to various demands of the Association. After detailed discussion with the representatives of the Association, the agitation has since been withdrawn.

Sex and violence in the films

529. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a large section of Indian public stand agitated and disheartened due to lavish import of sex and violence in Hindi films during recent years ; and

(b) if so, what measures Government propose to take to restrict production of such films in the country ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRUA VYAS) : (a) and (b) Feelings about increasing of sex and violence in films have been vioced from time to time at different fora. Public exhibition of any films is legal only if it is duly certified by the Central Board of Film Certification under the Cinematograph Act, 1952. Production of films is predbminantly in the private sector and action at Government level is possible only at the time of certifiction. In order to make the certification more meaningful revised Guidelines have been issued on 6th December, 1991. For dealing with sex and violence in films more effectively, these Guidelines stipulate that the Board shall *inter alia* ensure that :

(i) pointless or avoidable scenes and violence, cruelty and horror, scenes of violence primarily intended to provide entertainment and such scenes as may have the effect of desensitising or dehumanising people are not shown

(ii) human desensibilities are not offended by vulgarity, obscenity or depravity.

State Governments and Union Territory Administrations have also been requested from time to time for stricter enforcement of the provisions of the Act as the implementation is the responsibility of these agencies.

Second channel for Guwahati Doordarshan

530. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a second channel of Doordarshan at' Guwahati for the benefit of the people of North-Eastern region ; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard. ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) There Is at present no proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce second channel TV service at Guwahati. However, in addition to a Studio Centre already functioning at Guwahati a Programme Production-cum-feeding Centre has been established separately at Guwahati. On commissioning of this Centre a common regional TV service is proposed to be disseminated via satellite for the benefit of the people of Northeastern region. Besides, TV coverage the North-Estern region is expected to improve considerably on Commissioning of various TV transmitters and studio ptojects under implementation in the region.

Profit earned by Government through Doordarshan commercials

531. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHA KRAVARTY : Will the Minis ter of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of profit earned by Government through commercials in Doordarshan curing 1991 ;

(b) whether Government propose to reduce the time allotted to commercials in view of growing public resentment over commerealiza-tion in Doordarshan ; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard 7

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a)
The gross revenue earned by Doordarshan through commercials during 1991 was Rs. 305.73 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Press Information Bureau to computerise its photo indexing features

532. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD, CASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the details of action taken or proposed to be taken in respect of